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2. DURING MORNING JULY 7, VISITORS CALLED ON AMBASSADOR AND SPENT OVER FOUR HOURS WITH DCM, POL AND POL-MIL COUNSELORS. THEIR QUESTIONS DEALT WITH U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONSHIP, U.S. COMMITMENT TO JAPAN AND ROK, EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT IN MILITARY MATTERS, JAPANESE POLITICAL SYSTEM AND CURRENT SITUATION, JAPANESE VIEWS ON SECURITY MATTERS AND PLANNED REDUCTIONS IN U.S. BASES. SPECIFIC MATTERS RAISED WERE MITO BOMBING RANGE, QUESTION WHETHER NAVAL BASES NEEDED AT BOTH SASEBO AND YOKOSUKA, AND POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING SOME F4'S FROM YOKOTA TO MISAWA. THEY SEEMED PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT DANGER THAT JAPANESE FRUSTRATION OVER INABILITY TO SOLVE BASE PROBLEMS MIGHT LEAD JAPAN TO A POSTURE OF NEUTRALITY, WHETHER UNARMED OR--AS THEY FEARED--NUCLEAR-ARMED.

3. VISITORS SPENT JULY 7-11 UNDER USFJ AUSPICES. IN LONG TALK WITH AMBASSADOR JULY 11, THEY SHOWED CONCERN OVER: EXTENT OF U.S. COMMITMENT TO JAPAN AND ROK; HOW TO ENSURE EMB INPUT TO MILITARY PLANNING; AND JAPANESE POLITICAL PRESSURE OVER CERTAIN BASE PROBLEMS SUCH AS MITO. (THEY WERE IN JAPAN DURING SCC MEETING ON JULY 9 AND WELL AWARE OF EXTENSIVE PRESS PLAY FOLLOWING DAY ON MITO PROBLEM). IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC IDEAS GAINED FROM TOUR OF BASES THEY EVIDENTLY FELT THAT:

A. MILITARY PLANS TO INCREASE MEN, AIRCRAFT AND ON-BASE FACILITIES AS PART OF VIET-NAM RETROGRADE RAN COUNTER TO OVERALL POLICY NOT TO INCREASE U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN;

B. MILITARY JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUED USE OF MITO WAS INADEQUATE AND CONTRADICTORY;

C. RELUCTANCE TO MOVE OUT OF KANTO PLAIN AREA TO LESS HOSPITABLE AREAS SUCH AS MISAWA BASED MORE ON CREATURE COMFORT THAN MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS;

D. THERE IS NOT FULL AWARENESS WITHIN USG OF EXACT NATURE AND EXTENT OF U.S. COMMITMENT TO JAPAN ON ROK;

E. AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY STATIONED IN ROK AND JAPAN COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED WITHOUT IMPARING CREDIBILITY OF DETERRENCE.

4. PERSISTENT THREAD RUNNING THRU PINCUS-PAUL REMARKS TO EMBOFFS

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WAS NATURE OF U.S. COMMITMENT AND EXTENT OF EMB KNOWLEDGE AND
POLITICAL INPUT TO MILITARY PLANS AND PROGRAMS. BOTH STRUCK
EMBOFFS AS HAVING BEEN WELL BRIEFED ON JAPAN PRIOR ARRIVAL AND
ABLE TO ABSORB LARGE AMOUNTS OF DATA AND TO GRASP QUICKLY
SOPHISTICATED ANALYSES OF CURRENT PROBLEMS.

5. DOCUMENTS REQUESTED AND READ BY PINCUS AND PAUL INCLUDED ALL
AIRGRAM REPORTS ON SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS, SCC IX AIR-
GRAM, BASE PACKAGE PROPOSAL WORKED OUT BETWEEN AMBASSADOR JOHNSON
AND ADMIRAL MCCAIN, AND FEASIBILITY STUDY ON TRANSFER OF ITAZUKE
OPS TO IWAKUNI. NO OTHER DOCUMENTS WERE REQUESTED.

6. LIAISON WITH USFJ INDICATED THAT BOTH LT. GEN. MCGEHEE AND
MAJ. GEN. FRANKLIN SHARE THE OPINION THAT PINCUS AND PAUL WERE
MAKING A SINCERE EFFORT TO COLLECT INFORMATION AND TO HONESTLY
PROBE RATIONALE FOR CURRENT FACILITY HOLDINGS IN THE LIGHT OF
ACTUAL MILITARY REQUIREMENTS TO SUPPORT NATIONAL STRATEGY.
EXCEPT IN RARE CASES INVOLVING SENSITIVE QUESTIONS BEST ANSWERED
IN WASHINGTON, ALL QUESTIONS ON MILITARY MATTERS WERE ANSWERED
IN A CORDIAL BUT FRANK ATMOSPHERE. PINCUS AND PAUL APPEAR TO
HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL POSSIBLE QUERIES AND DID NOT SEEM DISSATIS-
FIED WITH ANSWERS.

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